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(5) Mr. H. F. Saunders, Acting Additional Deputy Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
(6) Mr. H. C. Buck, Physical Adviser to Government.
(7) Mr. R Foulkes, O.B.E., M.L.C., President, District Board, Madura.
(8) M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu Garu, M.L.C., President, District Board, Chittoor.
(9) Janab Abdul Hye Sahib Bahadur, M.L.C.
(10) The Rev. A. R. Penn, St. John's College, Palamcottah.
(11) M.R.Ry. A. B. Shetty Avargal, M.L.C.
(12) „ R. S. Ramachandra Rao Avargal, Head-master, Samasthanam High School, Bobbili.
(13) G. T. J. Thaddaeus, B.A., one of the Organizing Secretaries of the Boy Scouts Association, Madras.
(14) Lt. C. K. Lakshmanan, I.M.S., St. Thomas Mount.
(15) The District Educational Officer, Madras (to be also the Secretary to the committee).

(b) The committee has not yet submitted its report. The question of placing it on the table of the House will be considered after its receipt.

Acquisition of land for extending the Lady Willingdon Training College.

*488 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) when proposals for the acquisition of land for extension of the Lady Willingdon Training College were received;

(b) when the boundaries of the land needed for the purpose were fixed and by whom; and

(c) the stage at which the matter now is?

A.—(a) In 1926.

(b) In 1927—By the Collector of Madras in consultation with the Director of Public Instruction.

(c) The site selected for the college forms part of the fishing village acquired by Government in connexion with the Marina hospital scheme which has since been abandoned. The original owners are still in occupation of the site and steps are being taken to provide them with lands elsewhere. When this is done, the site will become available for the college.

Deputy and sub-inspectors of schools in South Kanara and some other districts.

*489 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of deputy and sub-inspectors of schools in the Educational department in each of the districts of South Kanara, Malabar, Coimbatore, Nilgiris and Salem;

(b) how many of them have been appointed from among Indian Christians—

(1) Roman Catholics, and
(2) Protestants during the last five years; and

(c) how many applications from Indian Christians were received for such posts and were refused?

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A.—Information has been called for from the Director of Public Instruction.

Recognition of Arabic schools.

*490 Q.—Mr. MAHMUD SCHAMNAD: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to the answer to clause (*b*) (1) of my question No. 1525, dated 27th February 1928—

(*a*) why the Government have not recognized Arabic schools just as they have recognized Sanskrit schools and whether one Mr. Muhammad Sherale applied more than once to recognize his Arabic school of Podur near Kumblar;

(*b*) whether the Government will consider the advisability of issuing curricula for advanced and elementary Arabic schools as early as possible;

(*c*) whether they give any annual grant to the Kurnool Arabic College (Madrasa Islamia); if so, whether they annually inspect and ascertain the kind and nature of work turned out in that college before making the grant and through whom they ascertain; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to appoint an officer to control and inspect Arabic colleges and schools?

A.—(*a*) No Arabic schools have been recognized till now for want of applications from schools imparting secular instruction.

The application referred to by the hon. Member has been received and is under the consideration of the Director of Public Instruction.

(*b*) Courses of studies in Arabic schools will be prescribed when such schools are opened.

(*c*) Grants are paid to the Arabic College, Kurnool, in accordance with rules 45 and 46 of the Grant-in-Aid Code. The College authorities submit a financial statement each year.

(*d*) As there is only one recognized Arabic institution at present there is no need to appoint an officer as proposed by the hon. Member.

Mr. MAHMUD SCHAMNAD:—"With reference to the answer to clause (*b*) may I know whether the prescription of text-books and courses of studies is not a condition precedent to the opening of schools?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"When the schools become large in number that would be the time to prescribe courses of studies."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED:—"May I know whether Arabic schools in this Presidency number more than several thousands and whether the Minister will recognize them?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I want notice."

Mr. MAHMUD SCHAMNAD:—"May I ask whether it is possible to teach even in a single school without the courses of studies being prescribed?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I want notice."